

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS #04.242

APPLICANT: State of Tennessee
Department of Transportation
Environmental Planning and Permits Division
Suite 900, J. K. Polk Bldg.
505 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37243-0334
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LOCATION: SR-15 from SR-10 to near Kelso-Sutherland Road
Lincoln County

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The Elk River is a major contributor to the Tennessee River watershed. The unnamed tributaries impacted by this project narrow (< 3 ft.) and shallow with bedrock and/or cobble bottoms. Land use is predominantly rural agricultural and forests. The existing riparian vegetation consists of elm, box elder, and cedar.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to widen 6.2 miles of SR-15 from SR-10 to near Kelso-Smithland Road. This would involve minor permanent impacts to wetlands and numerous stream crossings.

Station 3+925+/- (Lt.) to Sta. 3+980+/- (Rt.): Unnamed tributary to Elk River. Existing open stream (194 ft.), 33 ft. of 4 ft. X 4 ft. box culvert and 49 ft. of 4 ft. X 4 ft. box culverts. Applicant proposes replacement of the existing culverts with 229 ft. of 6 ft. X 6 ft. box culvert and 38 ft. of open stream transition at the inlet. There would be a loss of 9 ft. of stream length. The applicant would be required to mitigate for a total of 238 ft. of encroachments and loss of length.

Station 3+960+/- (Rt.) to Sta. 4+15+/- (Rt.): Wetlands. Permanent impact (filling) of 0.32 acre and temporary impact to 0.016 acre of wetlands.

Station 6+160+/- (Lt.) to Sta. 6+220+/- (Rt.): Unnamed tributary to Elk River. Existing open stream (223 ft.) and 59 ft. of 4 ft. X 6 ft. box culverts. Applicant proposes replacement of the existing culvert with 231 ft. of 6 ft. X 6 ft. box culvert and 66 ft. of open stream transition at the outlet including 7 ft. of riprap. There would also be a removal of a forced sewer main crossing. The applicant would be required to mitigate for a total of 231 ft. of encroachments.

Other aspects of this project are covered under the General Permit for Road Crossings.

The applicant proposes to mitigate wetland impacts by debiting, at a 4:1 ratio, 1.5 acres of available wetland credit from the Coffee County Wetland Mitigation Bank. Standard erosion control devices would be used to prevent sediment from entering flowing water. Upon completion of the work, all disturbed areas would be stabilized.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Brian Canada, STATE OF TENNESSEE, Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control, 7th Floor, L&C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1534

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Mulberry, TN (80-NW) and Fayetteville, TN (73-NE).

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The application described above has been submitted for an

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Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit pursuant to *The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977*, T.C.A. §69-3-108.

The purpose of this notice is to advise all concerned of the proposal for which a permit is sought, and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact of the activities upon the respective water resources. The decision whether to issue or deny will in part be based upon that evaluation. All factors that may be relevant to the proposals will be considered.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the issuance of a proposed permit are invited to submit comments in writing to the Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control at the address listed above. Written statements received in this office on or before the date of expiration of the comment period thirty days from the publication date of this notice will become part of the record and will be considered in the determination. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the director of the Division hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person requesting it, and the reasons that the hearing is warranted. When there is sufficient public interest, the director shall hold a hearing in accordance with Rule 1200-4-7-.04(4)(f).

After consideration of comments submitted during the public comment period, the hearing record if any, and the requirements of federal and State law, the director of the Division will make determinations regarding the final action on each permit. Permit applications, supporting documentation, and related comments are available for review and/or copying.



